

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California.  
October 19, 1925.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, October 19, 1925, and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Deininger. The following Trustees were present: Smith, Torrence, Deininger. Absent: Brooks and Fitzhugh.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 1925, were read and approved after a correction to the effect that the running at large of dogs was covered by the present ordinance and it was not necessary to refer same to the Ordinance committee.

The letter from C. A. Christensen offering to paint the flag pole for \$16.00 was referred to the Street Superintendent and the Assistant Engineer.

Trustee Torrence moved that two flags, one large and one small, be purchased. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Smith, Torrence and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Brooks and Fitzhugh.

The Regional Planning Conference of Los Angeles County mailed in a copy of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's speech for the information and consideration of the Board. Same was ordered filed so as to be available to members of the Board.

The Automobile Club of So. Cal. submitted an agreement concerning the installation of two flashers at the turn on Western Avenue.

Trustee Smith moved that the Agreement be properly executed. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Smith, Torrence and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Brooks and Fitzhugh.

Trustee Torrence urged that the present marker now working at the turn of Western Avenue be not disturbed.

Trustee Smith moved that the printing of Ordinance No. 123 be held up for the time being. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A discussion of the age limit and other angles was held and it was decided to forego the legalizing of the ordinance until there was some assurance that the least hardship would accrue therefrom.

Regarding an ordinance covering the removal of deserted oil derricks, the Attorney was to be given more time in which to look up the necessary data.

Mr. Hobson mentioned that there was a regular market for such derricks.

Trustee Fitzhugh came in at 8:00 p.m.

Trustee Smith moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for gasoline for the next 12 months.

Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Chief of Police mentioned that a word of thanks might be appreciated by the Automobile Club of So. Cal. for their fine cooperation.

Trustee Smith reported that the motorcycle was in need of repairs and that it would cost \$100.00 to put it in shape; that the

sales company had offered a trade-in for \$235.00. This seemed to be more attractive proposition and Trustee Smith moved that the Clerk and the President of the Board be authorized to execute a lease contract for the purchase of a 1926 Henderson motorcycle as per offer submitted. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Smith, Torrence and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Brooks.

The Ordinance committee is to submit an amendment to the traffic ordinance so that it will be legal to declare a boulevard stop without the formality of an ordinance each time.

Engineer Jessup reported that the matter of a crossing over the Santa Fe on Redondo Boulevard might have to be taken up with the Railroad commission as no crossing had been designated there when the franchise was granted;

that work on the paving of Redondo Blvd. was progressing slowly as decomposed granite was arriving in such small quantities;

that he had prepared proceedings and a Resolution of Intention covering the proposed work between Cedar and Madrid as had been ordered;

that, as an error had been made in the Martina proceedings, same would have to be started over again.

Assistant Engineer Hobson reported that the Export Refining Co. was working on a muffler for the relief of the noise from exhaust pipes;

that the Laundry Co. had concluded to go ahead with their addition under the permit restricted by a 90 day clause;

that the Torrance Development Corp. had removed two leans-to as ordered and cleaned up the premises;

that the matter of set-back on Mr. Palmer's residence had been referred to the City Attorney;

that the franchises given the public utilities by the Dominguez Land Co. were very broad and that a charge might be made by the companies for moving poles if they saw fit.

The Supt. of Streets reported hearty cooperation for clean-up week and that the estimated cost had been halved;

that there were two pieces of the alley improvement not yet completed as pipes were to be removed;

that the Willite Co. had men at work repairing the streets.

The President stated that he would like to have some plan submitted by the committee for the building contemplated on the City Hall site.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the proposed ordinance no. 124 be referred to the City Planning commission for discussion and recommendation; also that the proposed improvement north of Carson between Cedar and Madrid be brought to their attention and that they be made acquainted with the proposition and that the Commission report back their zoning recommendations at the next meeting. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the resignation of Mr. Kingsley as a member of the Planning Commission be accepted with thanks for past services. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The President appointed Donald Findley as a member of the Planning Commission and asked the Board to approve the appointment.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the above appointment be approved. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Engineer Jessup was requested to estimate the total cost of improving Cabrillo from Carson to Redondo Blvd to Post Avenue with the intention of placing his findings before a mass meeting of the interested property owners.

An annexation petition was filed with the Clerk, same covering a district directly west of the present west limits of Torrance.

Trustee Smith moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance calling for a special election. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Torrence stated that a ruling had been made in the City of Los Angeles depriving aliens from holding city jobs and that employees must live in the city and that the same applied to contractors who must hire only Americans; that he thought it was a step in the right direction.

Attorney Briney reported that he and the Engineer had checked the quit-claim deed submitted by the Dominguez Land Co. under date of 9/21/25 and approved it as to form and description.

The Board desired further information from the Grantors as to the purposes to be served by such a deed.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for a franchise as sought by the Associated Oil Co. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Smith, Torrence, Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Brooks.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the meeting adjourn until 8:00 p.m. October 26, 1925. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A. H. Bantist  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

R. J. Deininger  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance.